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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of  
Wilfried MODROW et al.  
Serial No.: 09/509,807  
Filed: April 28, 2000  
For: Method For Determining And Controlling  
Material Flux Of Continuous Cast Slabs

Examiner: Tran, L.  
Group Art: 1725

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AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL REJECTION

SIR:

Applicants hereby request a 2-month extension of the original shortened statutory response period set in the Final Office Action of November 6, 2001. A check in the amount of \$400.00 in payment of the government fee for a 2-month extension of time is enclosed herewith. Any additional fees or charges required at this time in connection with the application may be charged to our Patent and Trademark Office Deposit Account No. 03-2412.

In response to the Office Action dated November 6, 2001, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

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## REQUEST

FOR

CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)  
TRANSMITTAL

Subsection (b) of 35 USC §132, effective on May 29, 2000, provides for continued examination of an utility or plant application filed on or after June 8, 1995.

See The American inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA).



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First Named Inventor	Wilfried MODROW
Group Art Unit	1725RCE
Examiner Name	Tran, L.
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THIS is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.

Note: 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 is effective on May 29, 2000. If the above-identified application was filed prior to May 29, 2000 applicant may wish to consider filing a continued prosecution application (CPA) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(d) (PTO/SB/29) instead of a RCE to be eligible for the patent term adjustment provisions of the AIPA. See Changes to Application Examination and Provisional Application Practice, Interim Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 14865 (Mar. 20, 2000), 1233 Off. Gaz. Pat. Office 47 (April 11, 2000), which established RCE practice.

## 1. Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114

- a.  Previously submitted
  - i.  Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on 04/04/02. (Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered).
  - ii.  Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on
  - iii.  Other
- b.  Enclosed
  - i.  Amendment/Reply
  - ii.  Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
  - iii.  Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
  - iv.  Other

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## 2. Miscellaneous

- a.  Suspension of action of the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed three months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(l) required)
- b.  Other

## 3. Fees

The RCE fee under 37 C.F.R. 1.17(e) is required by 37 C.F.R. 1.114 when the RCE is filed.

- a.  The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No.: 03-2412.
  - i.  RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e)
  - ii.  Extension of time fee (37C.F.R. §§ 1.136 and 1.17)
  - iii.  Small Entity Status is being claimed for this application.
  - vi.  Other
- b.  Check in the amount of \$740.00 enclosed.
- c.  Payment by credit card (Form PTO-2038 enclosed)

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